



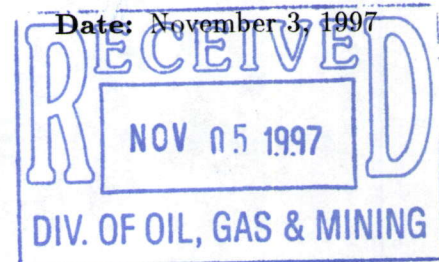
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Utah Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Dear Mr. Gallegos:

I have received your site inspection report for the Uintah Mountain Copper Company, Sunshine Hematite Claims dated October 22, 1997. In reviewing your report I find two items that were not accurately communicated to you during the visit and need further clarification.

1. The present access road to the claims was constructed by Uintah Mountain Copper Company (UMC) and was authorized by a Special Use Permit dated 10/13/78. That permit remained in place until it expired on December 31, 1995. At that time we decided that the road would be more appropriately authorized under the Plan of Operations. We have discussed with UMC that we may open a portion of the road to public use when not used for mining activities.

2. The small camp along the access road was authorized as a construction camp for road construction in a Special Use Permit dated 10/13/78. This permit remained in place until it expired on December 31, 1996. At that time we felt it was not appropriately authorized under a permit and should be covered under a Plan of Operations.

Please make these clarifications to your files. I am glad you were able to visit several of the mining claims on the Ashley. I hope I will be able to meet with you next time and would like to have some of the operators present also. If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BISTRYSKI  
District Ranger

cc Uintah Mountain Copper Co.  
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